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## It's Lee, Eng May 19: COPE

### REPORT

#### To Our Reader - Owners

##### MEANY AND REUTHER

When the story got around that George Meany and Walter Reuther had disagreed on how the Washington demonstration against unemployment should be conducted — or whether there should be such a demonstration at all—the AFLCIO high command did just the right thing, by all current public relations standards.

It published in the AFLCIO News a picture of Brother George and Brother Walter in amicable conversation, laying plans together, according to the caption, for the demonstration.

On Reuther's face there was really a pretty good imitation of a spontaneous smile, just about to break out. But to hearty admirers of the rocklike George Meany, such as the present writer, the delightful thing about the picture was the truly heroic effort the AFLCIO president was making to crack a wide open smile.

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##### DIFFERENT, UNITED

Meany isn't like John L. Lewis, who is said to have a set policy of never smiling when being photographed. But overwhelming geniality of expression is by no means the dominant characteristic of our great leader of the merged federation whose courageous and dogged devotion to the labor movement so many of us have learned to respect.

Another thing this picture reminds one of: the richness and variety of personal character on which the labor movement is able to draw for leadership. Surely there were never two men more different than Meany and Reuther. Yet that picture with the collaborative public relations smile in it was telling the fundamental truth—those two men do work together, and for the good of all of us.

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##### THE CLOSED TRANSOM

It brings to mind the years that Al Brown and Jeff Cohelan worked together so loyally for the good of their union. No two men were ever more different.

And one time one of them remarked to a friend that "sometimes we have to close the transom so people won't hear us agreeing together!"

Perhaps Meany and Reuther do have to close the transom at times.

NEW DELEGATE to the Central Labor Council seated at the April 27 meeting was Ed Brennan of Berkeley Fire Fighters.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

### Textile Union isn't bluffed, goes on strike

The 50 or more members of Textile Workers 146 employed at the F. Burkhardt Co., unbluffed by the cracking of an Old South slavewhip, went on strike May 1 when their contract expired.

Sonia Baltrun of the Textile Workers told the Central Labor Council that even when in the midst of negotiations the management announced it was laying off indefinitely all but three workers, the resolute unionists showed no panic.

She said the management was making a deliberate effort to reduce workers here to the wage and conditions level of the parent Textron outfit's plants in St. Louis on south, and that it was plain the management was imbued with the philosophy of the Henderson, N. C. management where such a struggle with the union has been going on for weeks.

Miss Baltrun said that as the strike deadline neared, management tried to get workers to accept overtime pay for loading and shipping a lot of their stuff, but no one was interested.

CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx said the management can't bear the idea of paying much more than \$1.47 to \$1.55 per hour.

The plant, the old California Cotton Mills one, is being picketed.

### Earnings hit peak, but not purchasing power

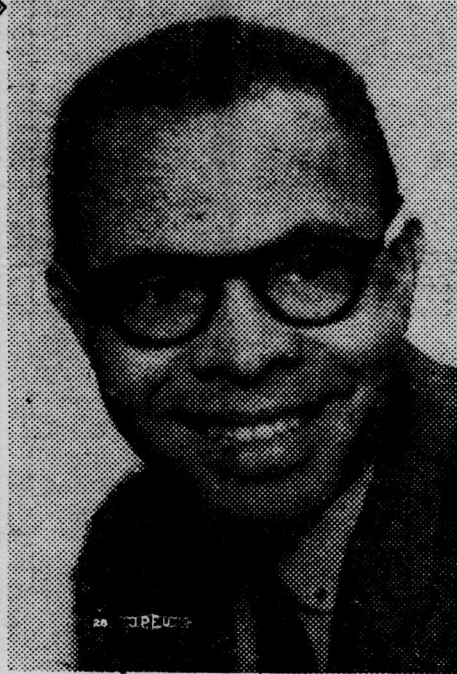
The average weekly earnings of factory workers in the San Francisco - Oakland metropolitan area hit a record \$104.68 during March, according to John F. Henning, director of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

The average was eight percent over March, 1958. Henning said, however, that the increase in purchasing power amounted to only about 5 percent after state and federal taxes were deducted and adjustments made for price rises.

Purchasing power of spendable earnings was down a little from the December, 1958, peak.

### Consumer pickets placed at Wadler's, E. 14th St.

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announced at the CLC meeting this week that Milk Drivers 302 has been notified that the Modesto Teamsters have placed consumer pickets at the Wadler drive-in milk depots in Modesto, San Mateo, and in the 8400-block of East 14th Street in Oakland. The places are nonunion.



EDWARD O. (PETE) LEE



DR. RAYMOND ENG

### Good citizens will vote for Bonds May 19th: BTC

The Building Trades Council at its meeting this week stressed the importance of the civic improvement bonds coming before the Oakland voters May 19, and gave strike sanction to the Cement Masons against Associated General Contractors.

Chester Bartalini, Carpenters 36, and Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, emphasized the need for all building tradesmen voting for the civic improvement bonds as taxpayers and citizens, not primarily as craftsmen who will get something like \$16,000,000 worth of new construction work to do if the bonds win two-thirds approval.

J. S. "Blackie" Miller, Painters 127, had declared himself strongly in favor of the bonds, but said that incidentally he was interested to know how much of the proposed improvement of the

city's facilities would be done by civil service men on the Oakland payroll, and how much by building craftsmen.

Jones, who served on the Citizens Advisory Committee which outlined the program of construction and repair of facilities, said that certainly the great bulk of the work would be contracted out and would be done by building craftsmen. There just aren't enough civil service people to do all that is proposed, he added.

It was true that considerable work would be done by park employees, but even in that case, there was some work to be contracted.

Jones said that on the subcommittee of the Citizens Advisory Committee on which he served some \$7,000,000 in work

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### More voters needed on May 19

More labor voters must go to the polls in the Oakland May 19 general election than went to the polls in the primary, or the excellent chance of making Dr. Raymond Eng and Edward O. (Pete) Lee members of the Oakland City Council will go glimmering.

This warning was sounded at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week by CLC Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx. Later Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, added the warning that unless more union people "put their money where their mouth is" in politics, the crucial final days of the campaign might sag badly on the labor side.

Groulx and Charles Garoni at the end of the meeting sold tickets for a Friday fund-raising dance for Lee's candidacy. John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, who

was nosed out of the race for the City Council in the primary election, said his union is doing all it can to help the Lee dance, "and we're in Lee's corner in this fight."

Incidentally, Quinn paid high tribute to members of the Teachers Union for the assistance it gave his campaign in the primary.

Groulx in giving his warning said that the primary election returns in some districts where many union people live showed relatively poor percentages in favor of Lee. And in the 17th Assembly District, where the percentage for Lee ran high, the turnout of voters was small.

"We need higher percentages in the general election in some districts, and we need a bigger turnout in the 17th," summarized Groulx.

### Two backed in school races in Ala. County

Dr. Raymond Eng, candidate for the Oakland City Council from District 3, was endorsed by the AFLCIO Alameda County Committee on Political Education last week.

Organized labor's political arm also reaffirmed its endorsement of Edward O. (Pete) Lee. Lee received the highest number of votes in the April 21 primary election for the District No. 1 seat but faces a runoff contest May 19.

No endorsement was voted in the councilman-at-large race.

Dr. Eng, an optometrist, edged COPE-endorsed John F. Quinn, business representative for Bartenders 52, in the primary by about 500 ballots. Four other candidates were eliminated.

Eng, Lee and attorney Tom Berkley, one of two remaining candidates in the at-large contest, received endorsement by the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee in the primary.

Lee is a delegate to the Central Labor Council from Teachers 771. He is an instructor at Oakland High School.

COPE's executive board recommended to the Central Labor

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### New Teamster local for highway drivers opens offices on E. 14th St.

Alameda County's new Teamster local for highway and short line drivers, Local 468, opened offices Monday at 1819 E. 14th Street.

The local will include between 1,500 and 1,800 over the road drivers in the for hire industry and drivers for any proprietary house or carrier operating out of the jurisdiction of Alameda County, according to George M. King, secretary.

Also included will be short line drivers, truckaway and driveway men and agricultural and horticultural drivers, King said.

King and other temporary officers were elected at a special meeting after the charter was installed April 20.

Other officers are: Manny Joseph, president and business agent; Mel Braddy, vice president; David McClanahan, recording secretary, and Jim Dindwiddie, Art Francis and Charley Mooney trustees.

The new local includes about one-fifth of the membership of General Teamsters Local 70. Highway drivers wanted a separate, smaller local to get better representation, according to King.



# HOW TO BUY

## Credit's easy, but it costs

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Banks, stores and loan companies are making a new drive to get people to buy on credit. It's going to take knowledge of the costs to resist unnecessary use of all the new credit plans.

One reason behind all the new pressures to borrow and buy on credit is that the public has been a little cautious about installment buying during the present recovery, or partial recovery, from last year's recession. Credit buying has not boomed as rapidly as in 1954-55 after the recovery from the 1953 recession. This time, more people are buying for cash, or making larger down payments. Banks of course, are in business to lend money, and retail dealers, too, generally make a profit or get a kickback on installment sales.

Let's take a look at these new ways to borrow and buy on credit and see where they might be harmful or useful to you:

Charge account banking is generally sponsored by a bank. You can shop without cash at any of a list of participating stores, just by showing the card the bank gives you.

This sounds like a great convenience. Businessmen have used credit cards for some time with enthusiasm. They don't have to carry cash and for some, a credit card serves as a tax-evasion device. They can charge personal goods and services to business credit-card accounts.

The thorn in this convenient plan is the cost. Typically, the bank sponsoring a city wide charge plan collects six percent of the price of your purchases from the participating retailer, and another one percent a month interest from you.

The one percent a month you would pay amounts to a true interest rate of 12 percent a year. But the six percent participating retailers pay, also is of concern to you. For only higher price stores ordinarily can afford to pay such fees.

The new "ready credit" also being promoted by banks has advantages and disadvantages. In this plan, the bank credits

your loan to a special checking account and you agree to pay back one twelfth or one-twenty fourth of this sum each month. Your repayments automatically become available again for your use.

For example, you may arrange for a \$600 ready credit plan on which you will pay \$50 a month. Suppose you use \$300 from this account, leaving a balance of \$300 still available. As you repay, the amount available to you increases by that much. At the end of the two months of repaying, you have \$400 available to you, and so on.

The advantage of ready credit is that you don't pay any interest until you actually use the money. Now for the first time, a bank will make a line of credit immediately available to you without charging interest until you actually do use the money, and then only on the portion you do use.

But the disadvantage is that you pay a higher interest rate than if you made a regular personal loan from the same bank. Most commercial banks charge true interest rates on personal loans of as low as 8 percent per annum in several cities, to a more general rate of 12 percent.

These rates are generally stated as 4 to 6 percent a year, but because you are paying back monthly, the actual effective rate is approximately double the stated rate.

In comparison with the 8-12 percent per annum rate for personal loans, banks charge 1 or 1 1/4 percent a month on the declining balance of ready credit accounts, which is 12-15 percent a year.

The new charge and installment plans offered by variety stores are an especially futile type of credit. Credit needs to be reserved for emergencies or essential large purchases, not for small merchandise traditionally bought for cash.

Small-loan, "personal finance" or "beneficial" finance companies are the costliest of all credit sources. They charge 1 1/2-3 percent a month on the declining balance, depending on state laws and amount borrowed. This is the equivalent of true per-annum rates of 18-36 percent.

The danger of increasing the amounts these companies may lend, as several states have just done, is that borrowers may be tempted, or encouraged by the loan companies to borrow even more from these highest-cost lenders.

Nowadays no employed person with a reasonably good credit record needs borrow from high-rate small-loan companies. Credit unions and commercial banks, as you see, are very eager to lend you money. The problem today is not where to get a loan, but to avoid unnecessary loans.

## Advice on fixing eggs

U. S. Department of Agriculture reviews some basic rules for best results with eggs.

Use low to moderate heat in cooking eggs. Too high heat or overcooking toughens the texture.

When making custards, sauces or other mixtures that call for combining liquid with egg, avoid curdling by adding the hot liquid gradually to the beaten egg—never the egg to the hot liquid.

Beaten egg whites hold their foam better if a little lemon juice or cream of tartar is added before beating.

To combine beaten egg whites with other mixtures, fold—don't stir—using a light under-and-over motion. For omelets and souffles fold the heavy mixture into the beaten egg white—not the whites into the other mixture. Don't overmix or you will lose some of the air you have beaten into the egg whites.

## Soup & cereal for breakfast?

Soup starts the day in merry style. The flavorful liquid has a comforting way of creating a cheerful outlook—of helping to make the opening hours of day a time for conversation. Best of all, it is food of complementary nature, and the perfect teammate with established breakfast foods. So, let's consider the question so frequently asked: "What do you eat with soup or breakfast?"

What could be happier companions than soup with cereal for breakfast? Though a number of canned soups are made with cereal products—noodles, rice or barley—more cereals may be added. Non-sweet bits are tempting toppers to float on soup, providing crisp contrast to the hot liquid, and additional nourishment. — **Farmers Union Herald.**

## Martyrs to wives' clothes

British men are among the world's shabbiest, not entirely because of carelessness but often because of their affection for their families, whom they insist on dressing well even at the expense of their own wardrobes.

This picture emerges from an inquiry by the Wholesale Clothing Manufacturers' Federation to find out why, with rising pay packets, men are not spending proportionately more on dressing themselves.

Ninety-five percent of the men said they would never tell their wives of the sacrifice they were making and were sure their wives were unaware of it. Forty percent, mainly office workers, said they were "seriously embarrassed" by lack of clothes. — **London Observer.**

## Paint spots

To remove hard, dry paint spots on clothing, try a mixture of turpentine and ammonia. Soak, then wash out the garment with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly.

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## Selling fashion to Russians

Representatives of the American fashion industry are set to do a hard-sell job when American National Exhibition opens in Moscow this summer.

In addition to the scheduled three or four fashion shows daily and a comprehensive static exhibit, plans are under way to incorporate certain aspects of the cosmetic industry.

If all goes well, every Russian woman attending the exhibit will receive a lipstick and powder selected especially for her from among twenty shades. She also may receive a home permanent kit with Russian instructions, which she first will have seen demonstrated.

## Appetizer

Serve marinated herring topped with sour cream and a half slice of unpeeled red apple. It looks pretty and tastes good.

## Baby bottles

Add lemon juice to water for boiling baby bottles. The juice frees the bottles from clinging mineral deposits.

## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

**THE MASS FEEDING** industry, said to represent an investment of \$14 billions, is planning to hold a special promotion of "decor as a spur to dining" at the National Hotel Exposition to be held in New York this next November.

Textile, rubber, silver, pottery companies will combine with still other manufacturers to put on "designs for dining." It is explained that "the project has as its aim stressing the importance of equipment and decor in profitable operation of hotels, motels, restaurants, clubs, and institutions."

Some of the famous French restaurants in New Orleans make it a point to have absolutely plain interiors. The idea is that the food is so great that you just can't be bothered by any other kind of attraction. But most restaurants realize that appearances do make a difference to diners.

**TABLE SETTINGS** in a private home are sometimes so attractive to the observant eye that the possessor of such an eye cannot but regret the indifference of some guests to the genuine work of art which the hostess has provided, the linen, the silver, the glass, the china, the carefully planned centerpiece all seeming to cry aloud or, better still, to whisper softly, for attention, yet getting none.

Many men, and some women, are, however, indifferent to these things and will remain so.

**YET THE PROFESSIONALS** who are planning the big show at the National Hotel Exposition undoubtedly realize that although many people are indifferent on the surfaces of their minds to such things, they are unconsciously influenced by them, and will go to one restaurant rather than another because it is more attractive in appearance.

It's a lot more fun, though, to be a living consciousness, to enjoy lovely things along the way, instead of emulating the dog gnawing a bone, with no appreciation of the "trimmings."

## Improved way to make beds

An improved method of bed making can save 40 feet of walking and a third of the time used in making a bed the traditional way.

If a homemaker has four beds to make, she would save more than 11 miles a year over the distance she would walk in making four beds the old way.

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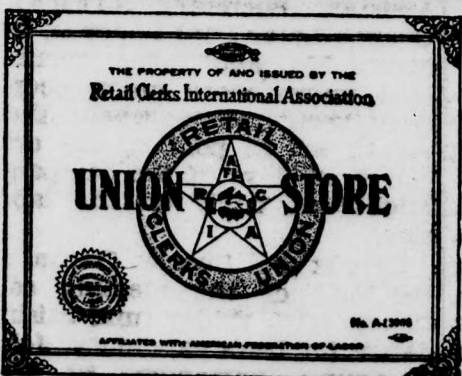
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## CWA says maybe it's better to drink tea at PT&T

The saga of the coffee break is over for now, according to James Watson and A. M. Wade, vice presidents of Communications Workers 9415.

It all started when the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. eliminated coffee breaks down on the Peninsula.

At least, the benevolent PT&T cut them out for men. Unfortunately, women were protected by state law.

Even now, although PT&T has given in, it refuses to call them coffee breaks. They are "relief" breaks.

The lines were drawn when PT&T's Peninsula division decreed it would suspend anyone caught in the company coffee shops during working hours. This went for anyone smoking on the premises, too—anywhere. CWA said this was a variation of the Bell System's "Texas plan" speedup. But PT&T claimed it had never heard of the Texas plan.

The day the story broke in Bay Area dailies, R. E. Hambrook, a PT&T vee, was giving a speech at San Mateo's Villa Chartier.

Topic: "Budgeting in Business."

About 10 members of East Bay Local 9415 and other Bay Area CWA members organized a banner carrying demonstration in front of the restaurant.

"Hambrook—Does the budget have coffee breaks? Do you have yours?" a sign said.

Hambrook blamed a local supervisor. But, nonetheless, 10 men were suspended at Redwood City for going to coffee enmasse.

The union protested, and the men were reinstated the following day, with loss of two hours' pay. The CWA has filed a grievance proceeding to win back this.

Meanwhile, PT&T employees on the Peninsula go for "relief" when they want Java.

## Telegraphers urged to bet that dollar on COPE

Larry Ross, president of Commercial Telegraphers 208, has sent the following to the membership:

If we expect to move forward in the future we must protect ourselves on the political front. Legislators hostile to the working man can render their unions impotent by passing one law. I would not be urging every member to donate at least \$1.00 a year to COPE, unless it was absolutely necessary for our future well being.

It's much easier to pass a law than to repeal it. The Taft Hartley is a perfect example. This vicious law could have been prevented if the working people were alert and interested enough to help just a little. Please donate at least \$1 a year to COPE.

## Rep. Miller's bill to give janitors on federal job union pay

Rep. George P. Miller (D., Alameda) has introduced a bill which would extend the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act to janitorial and other contracted services performed for the federal government.

The legislation was prepared after Building Service Employees Local 18 complained about a contract with the Supreme Janitorial Co. of Vallejo for janitorial services at Oakland Army Base.

Congressman Miller's bill would require such contractors to pay prevailing union wages.

Miller suggested to W. Douglas Geldert, secretary of Local 18, that the union seek to have the principles of the legislation endorsed by the AFLCIO and made part of its program.

## Picket-truck rule by ICC may affect all labor unions

A new Interstate Commerce Commission ruling requires trucking companies to make pickups and deliveries, even if it involves crossing a picket line.

The policy could have far-reaching effects. But a Teamster attorney in San Francisco said it would not prevent unions from negotiating clauses under which drivers may refuse to cross the lines.

His reasoning was based on the fact that the ICC governs employers, whereas unions come under legal control of the National Labor Relations Act and Board.

First hearing on the new ICC ruling in San Francisco will be held May 18. It involves refusal of the Valley Motor Lines to service the struck California Furniture Manufacturing Co. at Hanford.

The ICC indicated it would not force truck companies to service plants where there is strike violence, however.

In peaceful picketing, the National Labor Relations Board has ruled that employees must cross a picket line if ordered to do so, in the absence of a contract clause protecting them from punishment for refusal.

## Rep. Cohelan addresses United Fund conference

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan, former secretary of Milk Wagon Drivers 302, gave a well received talk on "Federation—We Like It" at the recent Western Regional Conference of United Funds, Community Chests and Councils in Vancouver, B. C.

Cohelan flew from Berlin to Vancouver, with a short stop-over in Washington, D. C. He had to return to the capital the day after his talk in order to be on the floor of the House for important legislation.



ELMER E. WALKER

New secretary-treasurer of International Association of Machinists, to succeed Eric Peterson, who retires September 3.

## 'A lot of WPA work for politicians' mentioned

A lot of maneuvering that goes on about wages for employees of public agencies is "just a lot of WPA work for politicians," Jim Marshall of State County & Municipal Employees opined at the Central Labor Council meeting this week. But he felt that real collective bargaining might come yet. He cited the fact that County School Employees 257 has been offered a 5% wage increase months ahead of the effective date, and said that "the real collective bargaining we believe in will take up the fringes."

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

## Shorter work week is solution to unemployment: Carpenters

The following article was prepared by the Carpenters 36 Educational Committee and endorsed by the local union:

Every working man and woman lives in fear of being laid off, and as long as there are millions of unemployed no one can be sure of always being able to find another job. The obvious answer is to shorten the work-week and spread the work to reduce the number of unemployed.

In 1955 the total product of American industry was valued at 329 billion dollars and there were 2,650,000 unemployed. In 1958 the "gross national product" was up to 437 billion dollars and there were 4,820,000 unemployed. These figures show the current trend in the labor market.

Each year more is produced with fewer workers. Corporation profits beat all previous records, while unemployment increases. With fewer working people able to buy the product of industry, there is an obvious possibility of a recurrence of the economic debacle of 1929. The pace of automation has been greatly accelerated during the past two years. The effect on employment will be even greater in the next few years.

The economy is not healthy with one out of every 14 workers unemployed. Soon it will be one out of seven, and then one out of three as it was at the end of the last Republican administration.

The time for corrective measures is now, before a crash occurs. The only cure for the ever-increasing unemployment is to

reduce the hours of work. Organized labor nationally is beginning to take steps in this direction, and labor leaders are talking and moving. Let's hope the membership will give wholehearted backing to the drive for reduced hours of work.

## Berkeley teacher cleared of charge

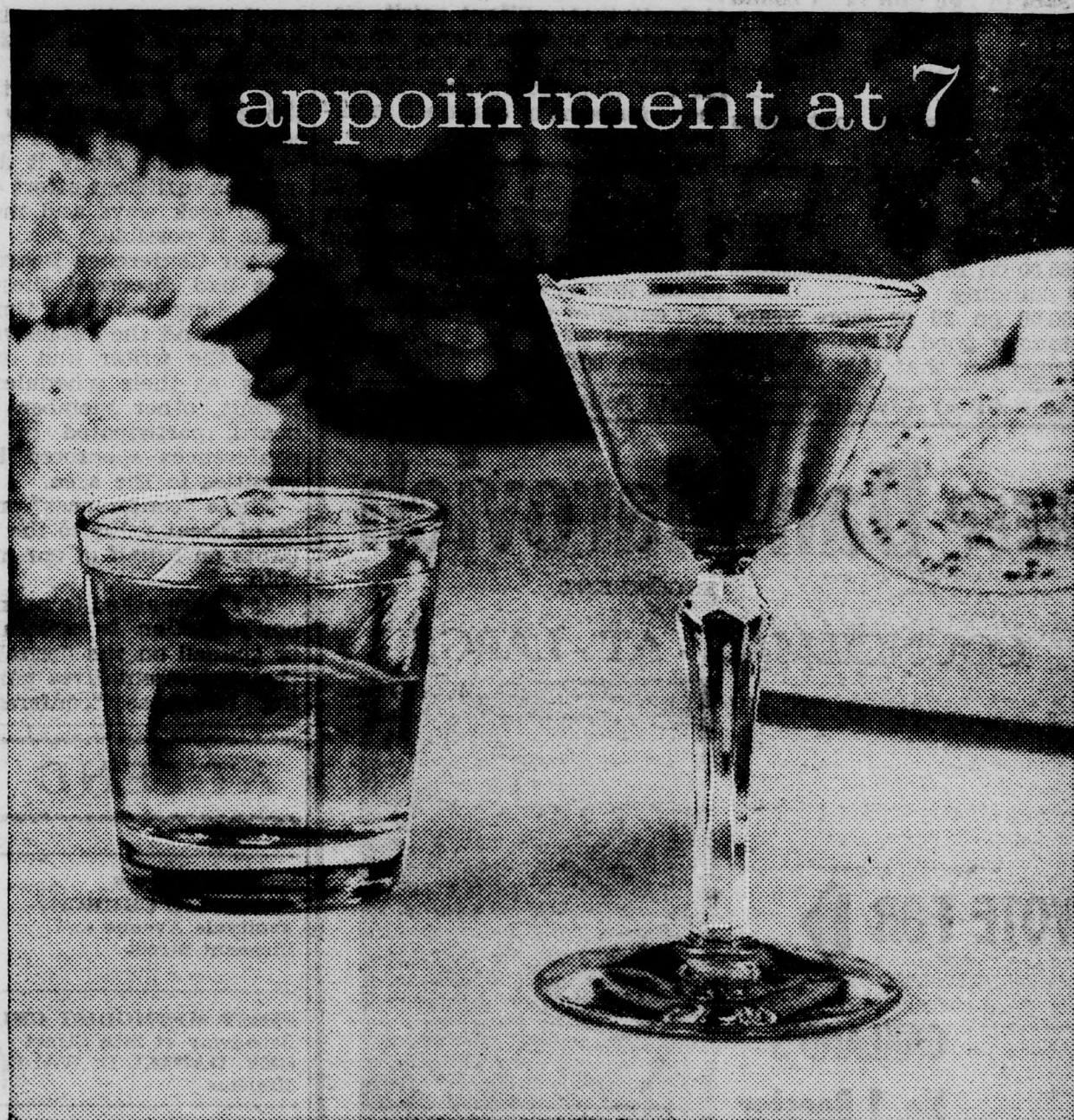
Anthony J. Tudisco, a 29-year-old Berkeley High School civics teacher, has been publicly cleared of unsubstantiated charges that he "defended the Soviets and ran down democracy."

A letter from Richard M. Frisk, 44, of 1884 San Lorenzo Drive, Berkeley, containing the charges, was "widely circulated" during the Berkeley election campaign, according to Carl H. Wennerberg, superintendent of schools. Frisk, a teacher in El Sobrante, has a stepdaughter in Tudisco's class.

The superintendent said Frisk's charges were unfounded. School officials apologized to Tudisco.

Frisk also accused Tudisco of making derogatory remarks about President Eisenhower.

Supt. Wennerberg said he talked with students in Tudisco's class and "all of the students repudiated the allegations." One said he gained a deeper insight into democracy. Wennerberg said this remark was applauded by classmates.



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## Paint Makers' 1101

By PETE CEREMELLO

At the meeting of the Central Labor Council Monday, April 27, 1959 they showed a most interesting movie on registration of voters and the influence that the small majority that vote have on setting policy as far as the government goes.

If you don't take an active part in the functions of your union and get down to vote the same applies to you. You won't have any say. A good example was the meeting in April when 36 Brothers and Sisters came to the meeting. At that meeting 36 members made policy for 550 members.

At this most important meeting it was decided to send one delegate to the international convention, Western Joint Conference and the National Paint Makers Conference. This is interesting because actually it is three conventions in one. All being held in Cleveland, Ohio in August and the union does not pay the transportation, the International does. It is next to impossible for one delegate to appear at all the committee hearings that will be held. Many of the hearings concern our membership. For example one very important matter that has come up in the last three international conventions "Paint Makers being beneficial members." That is, at least 45¢ more per month per member. Now the delegate or delegates should be instructed how to vote on matters as important as this.

If the Paint Makers were to become beneficial members under Section 110-A of the constitution these are the present benefits they could expect to receive, provided he or she is not 50 years of age and is in sound health when admitted or reinstated.

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out suspensions or withdrawal cards)

Please come to the next meeting so this matter can be properly discussed. As I stated before these benefits will be at least 45¢ per member per month. Shall your delegate or delegates lobby for them or against them? Please come to the May 19 meeting and give your instructions.

## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

May 10th is our annual opportunity to show appreciation to mothers. Where would we be without them?

For mothers, labor day is the day you were born. For employers, every working day is labor day. For unions, it's September 7, 1959.

We've lost the Labor Day spirit. How come? Why couldn't we form a giant motor cavalcade with union members in each car, and banners on each car and truck proclaiming our union affiliation?

If we toured through several counties on our way to the State Capitol and a Labor Day picnic, with all the speeches and rigamarole necessary to such affairs, we'd have a Labor Day to be proud of. Wouldn't we?

Ladies, we've always insisted our wives are a vital part of any union. Last week we saw an item concerning a strike in Oklahoma where wives of pickets formed a human blockade to prevent trucks from entering the struck plant. Thirty-six trucks were turned back. The ladies refused to comply with a court injunction ordering them to remove their blockade.

God bless their loyal little hearts! We hope their children inherit that militant spirit. Resentment and resistance to legalistic oppression is the history of our labor movement. There's hope for some of our meek members yet.

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## THE CARPENTERS STORY

By CHARLES ROE, Conference Board Member,  
Bay District Council of Carpenters

The first formal meeting of your Conference Board with our employer's is scheduled for Thursday May 7, 1959.

Our contract expiration date is June 15, 1959. However, with a major effort of both representative groups the negotiations could continue steadily.

Many of our members are not aware of the fact that while our present agreement was signed in July, 1956 that 2 sections in particular namely: Section XVII-B "Vacation Plan" and Section XVII-C "Pension Plan" still remained to be negotiated.

The 1956 agreement stated that both would be established, the terms and conditions and the effective dates of each. The language was very general permitting time for the job of negotiating the 2 sections, both of which were a real challenge to both parties to the agreement.

The 1956 agreement, for the first time in the Western Section of the United States, officially recognized the need of both the carpenter and his family having a paid vacation. The employers arguments that "a carpenter loses time because of weather conditions and therefore does not need a vacation," were overruled.

It has been encouraging to note that once the plan was in effect, those who were most adamant in their objections, are now aware of the true value of the plan to the well-being of the carpenter.

The pension plan was another "first" bringing as it does, (to a limited degree) a form of security to the carpenter, a just reward to those whose working life has been dedicated to the construction industry.

In years prior to 1956 the very thought of the industry taking care of its "own" was certainly not given the study it deserved nor was sufficient effort extended to seek ways and means to make it possible.

Your Conference Board members had discussed these items for a long period of time prior to 1956 and the executive secretary, the writer and on occasions, as their schedules would permit, other members of the board, participated in study conferences sponsored by universities in the area.

These "conferences" proved to be of great value to the participants on behalf of our membership.

If I were asked to make a recommendation to a local union or council on the desirability of their representatives participating in these "conferences" I

could only say, "yes" and as soon as possible.

Every professional group, medical, legal and many others have their "study conferences" or "forums" and if we hope to compete in the complicated field of present day labor relations we should take advantage of every opportunity available to us to actively participate in "conferences" pertaining to our industry.

After 3 years of continuing negotiations on those sections of the 1956 agreement above mentioned your Conference Board, fully informed and aware of the many problems confronting them in the coming negotiations does so with the assurance that comes from the support of our membership and their families.

Your attendance at your local union meetings is not just desired, it is needed, by you, by those who depend on you and those who work for you.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

One chip one chatter today.

First, C. Roe has a few items to pass on about us "wood butchers" so this column may be an off and on proposition for a few editions. This is by way of explanation to my two readers.

Second, Brother Ernie Crow, the Financial Secretary of "36" is in the hands of the sawbones for rehab and repair. He is in Kaiser hospital room A-15 and I bet would like to hear from you about now.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Governor "Pat" Brown has designated the month of June as Apprenticeship Month for the State of California and has urged that contractors hire an apprentice. Through this "Hire an Apprentice" campaign, California hopes to inform the employer of these available young people and of the advantages derived through apprenticeship training.

In this rapidly growing atomic age, the construction, manufacturing, communication, service and processing industries will be requiring a higher skilled craftsman than ever before. This is due to the technical advances in these industries.

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both 4th and 5th year Plumber and Pipefitter apprentices will be held June 11, 12 and 13 at the Polytechnic College, located in San Luis Obispo, California. This 3-day contest, conducted by the California State Joint Apprenticeship Committee, will determine the 5th year Plumber and Pipefitter winners, who will then participate in the international contest. This annual contest, sponsored by the United Association, will be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, on August 10-14, 1959. Awards include prize monies of \$1000.00, \$500.00 and \$250.00 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

This local union's apprenticeship committee is doing a splendid job. Our instructors, preparing our apprentices for the local contest, determine who will represent Local 342 in this state contest. As you know, we have had winners in the State contest and apprentices participating in the national contest.

Finally, just as important as class room study, the Apprentice must have on-the-job training. Now, you as journeymen, can help our apprentices, working under your jurisdiction, by showing and instructing them in your daily routine of job site activities and also it is of importance that the foremen rotate the apprentices, giving them variation of work.

The work continues to be good and the office has just been notified of a new project to be built in Richmond. Construction is under way for this liquidation plant for the Air Reduction Pacific Company. Stolte Company is the general contractor. The completion date for this new plant has been set for the latter part of this year. We should also know, in a few days, the successful bidder, relative to the thirteen million dollars to be spent in modifications at the Fibreboard plant, located in East Antioch.

Our next membership meeting to be held on May 21, 1959, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on resolutions, which are introduced to the members at our last meeting.

Please try to attend your membership meetings, which are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated April 9, 1959, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeDED property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last addressee at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the City of Oakland.

That unless the property is redeemed before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and is substantially described as follows:

No. 1. Deed No. 145194, Smith Reserve, Lot 441, Block 7282, Account No. 48D-7282-17. Last assessed to Carmen Spring. Minimum price \$122.

No. 2. Deed No. 179520, Lot 1162 according to the map of Forestland Extension filed September 25, 1925 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 4, pages 90 through 93, Account No. 48E-7320-76. Last assessed to E. M. & Helen H. Vail. Minimum price \$102.

No. 3. Deed No. 179521, Lot 1163 according to the map of Forestland Extension filed September 25, 1925 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County and of record in Map Book 4, pages 90 through 93, Account No. 48E-7320-77. Last assessed to E. M. & Helen H. Vail. Minimum price \$102.

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Dated at Oakland, California, April 24, May 1, and May 8, 1959.



# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held May 7, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster Street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,  
ALBERT R. SILVA,  
Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## CARPENTERS 1158

Now meets in the Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Meeting nights are the first and third Mondays of each month.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
J. W. KIRKMAN,  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of May 8, 1959, has been designated a special call for the following business:

Nominations of delegates to attend the convention called by our International to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, starting August 31, 1959.

Nominations will also be in order for business representative and executive secretary candidates to be placed on the District Council of Painters No. 16 ballot.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
CLARENCE SLATER,  
Recording Secretary

## TEACHERS 771

Executive Board meets on Thursday, May 7, 4 p.m. in Teachers' Cafeteria at Oakland High.

The membership will meet one week later, May 14, at 4:00 p.m. at the Retail Food Clerks' Hall on Foothill Blvd. near Havenscourt. At this important meeting we will nominate and elect our officers for next year. Be sure to attend.

Last week we erroneously announced this membership meeting as a night meeting. Please note: The membership meeting on May 14 is an afternoon meeting, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
GEORGE STOKES,  
Executive Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

Regular meetings still to occur of Local 823 for the month of May at the union headquarters: May 12, 2:30 p.m.; May 19, 8 p.m.

Special order of business at all of the regular meetings in May will be for consideration of amendments to the local by-laws. It is important that you attend one of these meetings.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting of UC Employees Local 371 will be held at Eagles Hall, 2238 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, May 9, 1959 at 2 p.m. Executive Board will meet at 12:30 same location.

There will be a special order of business to vote on the proposed changes in the bylaws of Local 371.

It is important that each and every member attend as a considerable amount of time and labor went into these by-law changes. So it is important that the members attend and vote on these proposed changes, because these problems concern each and every member.

Let's fill all the seats brothers.

Fraternally yours,  
C. F. MARTIN,  
Secretary

## CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Attention all members:

A special called meeting will be held Friday, May 22, 1959, at 8 p.m. in Hall "A", Labor Temple.

The purpose of this special meeting is to discuss negotiations for a new agreement.

This will be an important meeting, all members are respectfully requested to attend.

Fraternally yours,  
A. R. ESTES,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

By action of the membership at the Special Called Meeting held April 16, 1959, a resolution pertaining to an increase of one dollar per month for dues was adopted and will be in effect July 1, 1959. This increase applies to all members, building tradesmen, metal tradesmen and apprentices.

The Apprenticeship Committee urges that you attend the Special Called Union Meeting of May 7, 1959, to hear their report on the future training curriculum and procedures of your apprenticeship program.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary,  
Business Manager

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death Assessment No. 435 is now due and payable. Local No. 216's Brother, Charles E. Haynes, No. 158840, passed away on March 4, 1959.

Fraternally,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting Friday, May 22, 1959, 8 p.m. at 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary



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## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next two meetings of your local are Special Called, Thursday, May 14, and the 28th. The meeting of May 14th the following business will be taken up. (1) To nominate 2 candidates for Business Representative for District Council No. 16; (2) To nominate 1 candidate for Executive Secretary for District Council No. 16; (3) To nominate 3 delegates to the International Convention, to be held in Cleveland during the month of September.

The meeting of May 28th the following business will be acted upon: (1) To elect one Business Representative to run in the over all election in the District Council No. 16 election; (2) To elect 1 candidate to run in the District Council election, for the Executive Secretary of the Council; (3) To elect 3 delegates to the International Convention

These are two very important meetings, so please make an attempt to come down. Also by the time of these meetings there should be some report on the progress in our negotiations of our new agreement.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, May 15, another special meeting will follow the regular one. We will elect three delegates to attend the convention of our international to be held in Cleveland, Ohio beginning August 31; and elect two candidates to run for Business Agent of District Council No. 16, and one to run for Executive Secretary of the same body.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California.

The meeting of Friday, May 29, will be dispensed with as it is the Memorial Day week-end, and as a consequence of this the awards of two pairs of overalls and the \$25.00 will be made on Friday at 8 p.m. May 22, 1959.

The Stewards will meet Thursday at 8 p.m., May 21, 1959.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., May 27, 1959.

As a reminder to all members the first meeting in June will be the nomination of officers, to be followed one week later with the election of officers for 1959.

The Credit Union Treasurer is on hand to do business every Friday night, and he will be in the office every Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

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## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings for the month of May will be held at the Labor Temple, 1650 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m. Steward's meeting Tuesday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special called meeting, Thursday, May 7th at 8 p.m.

Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Increase in per capita to the District No. 38 Strike Fund. Withdrawal from legislative education per capita. Discontinuing of quarterly special called meetings and report of Finance Committee.

Fraternally,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

As reported last week we had plenty of vacant seats at the last meeting so come down next meeting May 14 and fill up those seats and help to nominate and elect delegates to the next convention. There should be plenty of competition.

No word at this time on the negotiations. Should be something at the next meeting.

There are now available the new welfare booklets, come down and get one.

We have been notified that there will be a trade extension course at the Laney Trade School for painters and decorators, starting Monday June 15 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. These classes will take up among other things color pigments, property of color pigments, color theory, mixing and matching colors and a number of other studies valuable to the painter who wishes to advance himself.

I wonder what became of the old union spirit when the greeting on the job was, "Here is my card where is your?" instead of "How much work did you do yesterday?"

Sorry to report the death of Brother J. F. Loftus on May 4, the funeral in Stockton May 7. See you all at the next meeting.

## Engineers' strike at Union City over; 'successful'

A seven month strike by Operating Engineers Local 509 against the U. S. Pipe and Foundry Co. in Union City, southern Alameda County, has ended.

Dan Molles, international representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers, referred to the strike as "a bitter, but successful fight."

William LaFevre, Local 509 president, said his 97 members agreed the gains were "worth staying out for."

Gains in the new 20-month contract expiring December 31, 1960, include: a victory over the company on contract revision, and a 17½ cent hourly package including 15 cents in wages and a new health and welfare plan.

LaFevre said the company sought to eliminate most of the protective clauses in the union's contract. A first compromise offer was rejected by members. According to LaFevre, the new contract includes nearly all of the provisions of the old agreement and is better in some respects.

The previous contract language had been in effect since the first agreement was signed between the Engineers and the company three years previously.

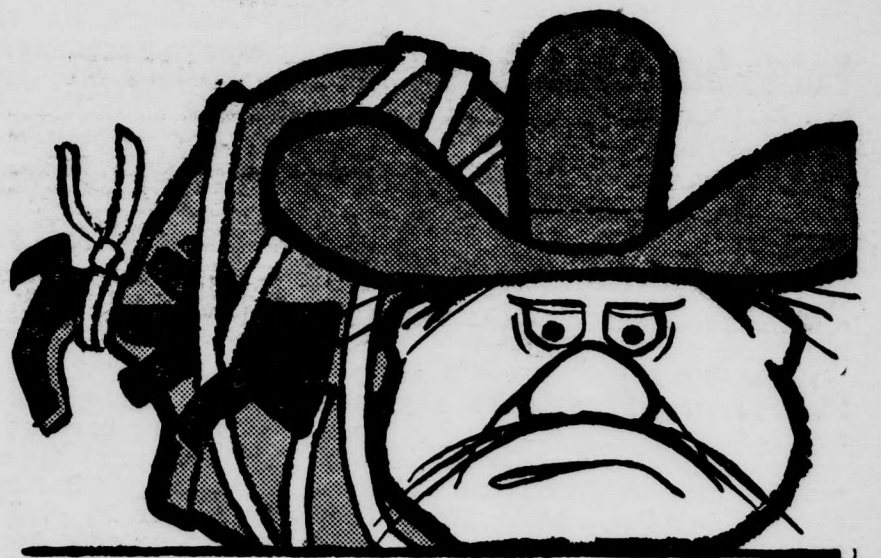
Union members voted to accept the second compromise Wednesday, April 22. Maintenance crews went back to work the following day, and production resumed Monday. The plant, which makes cast iron pipe, employs a total of 130 persons.

## Cement Masons, Teamos extend pact with AGC

Cement masons and construction teamsters extended their pacts with the Associated General Contractors of northern and central California for one week last week.

The AGC submitted its first counter offer, including 18 cent hourly increases for the cement masons and 19 cents for the teamsters, with fringe benefits and differentials.

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## 500 more pages of record fail to do Kohler any good

WASHINGTON — Five hundred additional pages of testimony, piled on top of the previous record of 20,000 pages, have only served to convince Trial Examiner George A. Downing of the National Labor Relations Board that he was correct in his earlier decision that the Kohler Co. was guilty of unfair labor practices.

That is what he told the NLRB in what he hoped would be his final report on charges the Auto Workers filed against the Kohler, Wis., plumbing wares firm after the start of a strike that began April 5, 1954, and is still unsettled.

At the same time, Downing urged speedy disposition of the dispute by the NLRB as "a step which will lead ultimately to a resolution of the strike."

"There is nothing else now foreseeable which will do so," he declared. "It is therefore plain that, in the public interest, this litigation should be brought to an end as soon as possible."

The NLRB was studying Downing's original report when the McClellan Committee held hearings on the strike at which the parties exchanged charges. It ordered supplemental hearings to consider testimony before the committee.

In his report, Downing said that during the subsequent hearings the company went through what amounted to an effort to "reargue completely the refusal-to-bargain issue." The union, he said, tried to bring "new and different issues," specifically a new unfair labor practice charge that the firm had spied on union members.—AFLCIO News.

## Goldberger gets new Teamo post from Hoffa

Jack Goldberger, secretary-treasurer of the Newspaper Drivers Union in San Francisco, has been appointed special representative of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for the 10 western states by Teamo President James R. Hoffa.

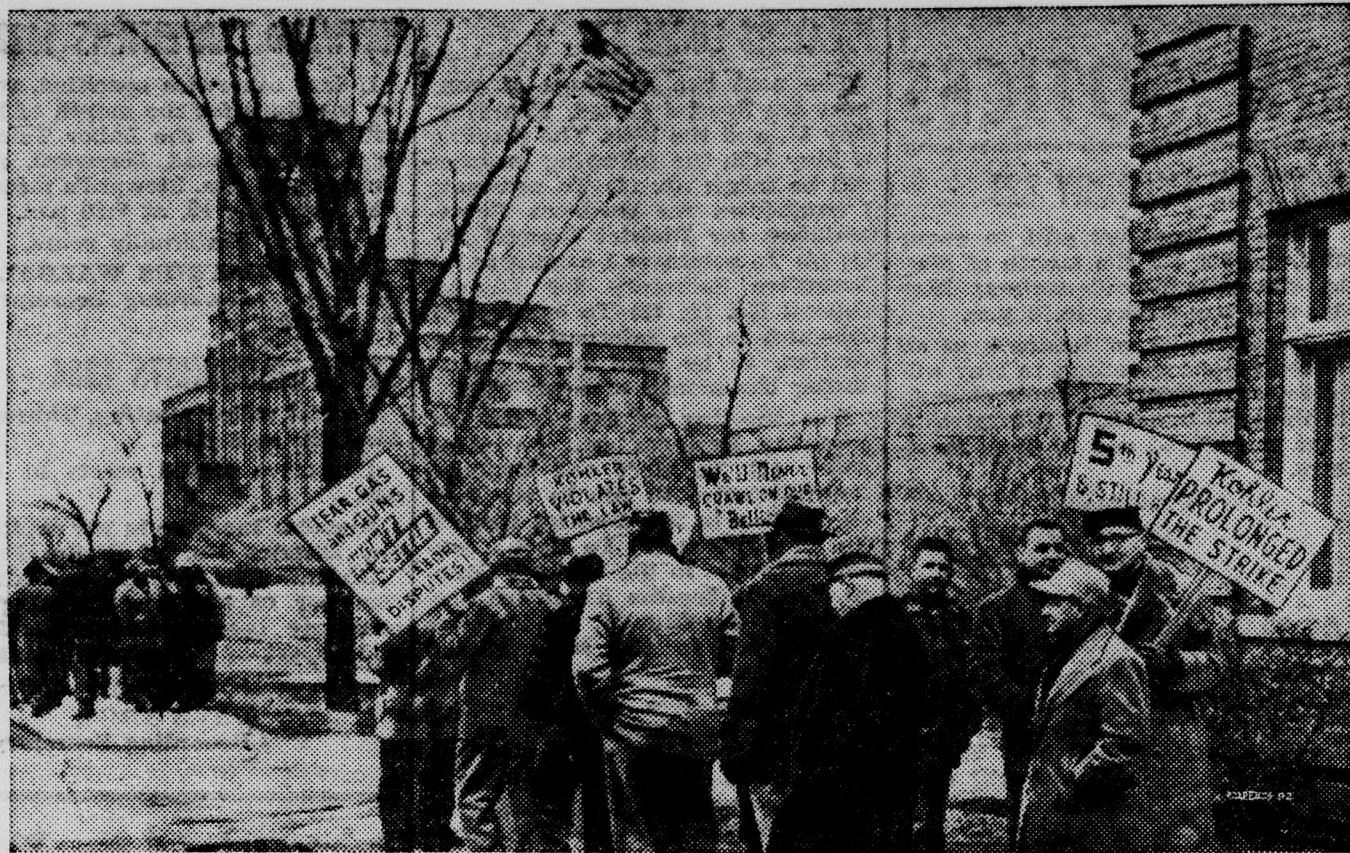
Goldberger was president of the San Francisco Labor Council and a vice president of the State Federation of Labor until the Teamsters withdrew from both last year in the wake of their expulsion from the AFL-CIO.

## Petris bill requested by Oakland city attorney

Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D., East Oakland) has introduced a bill in the Legislature which would require school districts to share election costs with cities, regardless of whether they have the same boundaries.

Petris introduced the bill at the request of Oakland's city attorney.

Another proposed bill by Petris would deprive fathers of control over adoption of their minor children under certain conditions.



**OUT 5 YEARS**—About 90 members of United Auto Workers 833 at the Kohler Co. plant near Sheboygan, Wisconsin, stage a demonstration to mark the fifth anniversary of their long strike. The strike began April 5, 1954. It has been prolonged by lengthy NLRB litigation.

## Rep. Miller would auction C-4 ships

Rep. George P. Miller (D., Alameda) has introduced a resolution in Congress to make wartime C-4 freighters available for use in the domestic trades between the mainland and the new 50th state.

Miller's legislation would give the government permission to sell eight of the C-4 freighters at public auction. But any company buying them must spend at least \$3,000,000 to "convert, reconstruct or recondition" each vessel.

In addition, the reconversion must take place at a domestic shipyard.

"The problems faced by our domestic shipping industry in regard to the replacement of fleet vessels without benefit of subsidies are well known," Miller said. "An approach such as this seems to offer a splendid opportunity to apply the new technique of containerized ocean ships."

At the same time, Miller said, the legislation would "enhance the availability" of the C-4's, presently in the inactive reserve fleet, if an emergency arises. Miller says he anticipates no objections by the Navy.

Miller expects one of the bidders to be the Matson Navigation Co., which started freight container service to Hawaii last August. Matson's mainland container operations are centered in Alameda.

## Regional Parks to pay lost wages to fired men

Jim Marshall, State County & Municipal Workers, announced at the Central Labor Council meeting this week that the Regional Parks management had agreed to pay the back wages of two men who were fired and later reinstated. CLC Assistant Secretary Arthur Hellender has been cooperating with Marshall in the negotiations.

## Union participation helps make Niles Teen Club 'union minded'

Some members of Steelworkers 3367 helped form the Niles Teen Club to combat juvenile delinquency.

Unexpectedly, this helped make the club's 90 members union-minded, according to Kenneth Steadman, a Fremont city councilman and Steelworkers' delegate to the Central Labor Council.

It seems that some of the youths were taking advantage of low haircut prices at a local "scab" barbershop.

Word got around, though, and the club officially adopted a resolution condemning patronage of "scab" shops.

The teen club, according to Steadman, is located in the Boliva Hall in Niles. Steelworkers have donated a ping pong table.

## Rep. Walter introduces bill to undercut Bridges

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) has introduced a bill to bar labor unions from interfering with overseas shipments of defense materials during war or a national emergency.

Walter, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, said the bill is aimed at Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's Union.

Bridges told the committee he might advocate a longshoremen's strike against U. S. arms shipments to Formosa if the Nationalists invade the Chinese mainland.

## Bridges aide denied visa

Louis Goldblatt, secretary-treasurer of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, was denied a visa to attend an Asian dock workers' conference in Tokyo this month.

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## Autos pinpointed as smog producers

The following statement was recently issued by the Bay Area Pollution Control District headquarters:

Uncontrolled automotive exhausts are one of the several major sources of our air pollution troubles in the Bay Area.

Automobiles, buses, and trucks produce 12% of the microscopic dusts and droplets, and 25% of the troublesome gases emitted into the total atmosphere of the Bay Area. In areas and on routes where heavy traffic is common, these percentages are higher, of course.

As our air pollution control program moves forward, and our industries, businesses, etc., are cleaned up, this automotive exhaust will become an even larger percentage of our total problems.

The expected increase in total number of automobiles, buses, and trucks will further aggravate the problem until exhaust control devices and methods are available and required.

## Committee passes higher Workmen's Compensation

The Crown-Burton-Petris Bill to liberalize Workmen's Compensation benefits has been approved by the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee.

The bill provides for maximum benefits of \$52.50 for permanent disability and \$65 for temporary disability and other changes in the Workmen's Compensation Law.

It was authored by Assemblymen Robert Crown (D., Alameda), Phillip Burton (D., San Francisco) and Nicholas Petris (D., Oakland).

The committee also approved a bill by Burton and Assemblyman Jesse Unruh (D., Los Angeles) to increase disability benefits for those hurt off the job by \$15 a week.

Both bills had the support of the California Labor Federation and Governor Edmund B. Brown.

## San Jose Reporter with news of new strike shown CLC

Edna Vice, San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, brought to the Central Labor Council meeting this week copies of the May 1 San Jose Reporter containing the announcement that the San Jose Newspaper Guild following a 123 to 20 secret ballot by the membership had struck the San Jose Mercury and News.

The San Jose Reporter is the daily paper published by the San Jose Guild since February 26, twelve days after the beginning of the strike by stereotypers and pressmen which has kept the two papers, both owned by Ridder Brothers, shut down ever since February 14.

The San Jose Guild whose 250 members had been locked out since the strike of the other unions began, went on strike as its contract expired on April 30, after "12 fruitless negotiation meetings with management."

No one now seemed prepared to predict how long the strike would last, though in union circles it was suspected that when the publishers' strike insurance payments to Ridder Brothers ran out, a settlement might be reached.

Stereotypers 120 has never reached an agreement with the management. Pressmen 146 and Typographical 231 have voted to accept management proposals made after negotiations, but no signatures have been affixed to the pact.

The Guild charges that management has been evasive in its negotiations.

The Guild Reporter of the May 1 issue distributed at the CLC meeting contained 10 pages, many large display ads, a page of classified, and much local news, and no editorials.

## Teamo, ILWU pact in wind: Bridges

Harry Bridges told the 13th convention of his International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union in Seattle that a method for ending West Coast jurisdictional disputes with the Teamsters Union is about to be worked out.

Bridges predicted the agreement will be similar to an ILWU-Teamster agreement regarding warehouse operations only.

In the limited agreement, the ILWU and Teamsters pledged to seek essentially the same collective bargaining objectives.

## Governor of Puerto Rico in statement on wages

Puerto Rican Gov. Luis Munoz Marin is in favor of wage increase "as high as the economy can support," but has urged a flexible pattern in the minimum wage so that there would be "no straitjackets."

He told a press conference that the island's growth problem was a governing factor on wages and was tied closely to increasing the productivity of Puerto Rican workers.—AFLCIO News.

## 72 new credit unions in AFLCIO during 1958

Members of AFLCIO unions organized 72 new credit unions during 1958, according to the Credit Union National Association.

There are now 464 credit unions serving AFLCIO members throughout North America.

Credit unions are nonprofit, government-chartered groups whose members save their money together—then make loans to each other at a low rate of interest. — California Credit Union League.

## STEW & LOU





## Lee, Eng backed by COPE for election to council May 19

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and Building Trades Councils that they endorse the \$16,900,000 Oakland bond issues on the May 19 ballot.

In school board elections, COPE endorsed:

L. L. Mitchell of Electricians 1245, a candidate for the Hayward Union High School board of trustees, and James B. Gordon, who seeks election to the Castro Valley Elementary District board. Gordon is a member of the Glass Bottle Blowers Association.

Anders Larsen of Carpenters 36 objected to COPE's inaction on the four Oakland propositions last month. He asked why the endorsement meeting had been called off.

Secretary Robert S. Ash said he accepts full responsibility for cancelling the meeting. Ash said it was called off so COPE delegates could attend the inauguration of Floyd Attaway, business representative of Culinary 823, as mayor of Hayward.

In the discussion on whether COPE should take a stand on local ballot measures, the following observations were made:

J. L. Childers, business representative for the Building Trades Council, held that failure to act had made a number of delegates unhappy.

Joe Pruss, BTC president, declared COPE should make recommendations on all issues so unions will know how to guide their members in voting.

Joe W. Chaudet pointed out that all unions weren't agreed on the Oakland propositions. Chaudet said unity is necessary if COPE is going to make recommendations.

Ed Reith of Municipal Employees 390 said conflicts in the interests of various city and county groups represented by unions prevented a unified stand.

Secretary Ash reported on the California regional conference of COPE in San Diego April 7 and 8. He said topics included Rep. Jeffery Cohelan's hopes of winning by a bigger margin in 1960.

Each council summarized its efforts against Proposition 13, and hopes of adding three more Democratic congressmen to the California delegation in 1960 were weighed.

According to Ash, California COPE hopes to establish a women's division in the near future.

Delegate Larsen reported on a bill by Assemblyman Bruce V. Reagan (R., Pasadena) which would prohibit state taxes on real property. Others discussing the measure included Delegates Richard Groulx, Charles Garoni, Frank Robello, C. E. Risley, Gus Kelly and Childers.

No action was taken, pending receipt of further information from C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation.

Results of COPE's own election of officers and board members, held in March, were canvassed.

All officers were re-elected without opposition. But there had been 27 candidates for 25 seats on the executive board.

John Hutchinson of Berkeley Teachers 1078 withdrew at the time of the election.

Al Brown of Milk Wagon Drivers 302, was declared ineligible last week because his union is a Teamster local. The remaining 26 candidates were declared elected.

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## Civic improvements on May 19 ballot are endorsed by labor

The Committee of Citizens for Oakland Improvements, with which the AFL-CIO here has co-operated closely, stated this week that every district and neighborhood in Oakland will benefit with the passage of civic improvement bonds, A, B, C, D, E, F, and G on the May 19th ballot.

These improvements, to be paid out of current revenue (one quarter of the sales tax) and not add to the property tax, represent the minimum requirements, says the committee, to keep pace with a mushrooming population and area development.

Park and recreation plans include 22 locations where expansion or new installations will be made.

This is the first park bond measure since 1909 when Lakeside Park was acquired.

Overcrowded playground and recreation centers require new and improved facilities immediately. Many city-wide programs will benefit from these improvements which have been planned for 25 neighborhoods, evenly distributed throughout the city. The plans call for new playgrounds, centers, tennis courts, camping, swimming, boating and sport facilities. Revenues from new golf courses

(regulation and pitch-and-putt) will completely amortize the cost, estimates show.

The present inadequate and dilapidated Public Museum (built in 1915) and Snow Museum (1900), would be replaced with one, vitally needed, modern center on public owned land.

The need for eliminating outmoded fire houses and replacing them with modern stations, has been firmly established by expert study. Measure "A" would also eliminate obsolete, heavy apparatus and provide new equipment designed for fire fighting and protecting a metropolitan city.

Oakland's overcrowded libraries and facilities have been pressed far beyond their limits. Authors of the bond measure said "D" will provide equipment and space that will meet with the growing public demand for an adequate library system.

The first major Auditorium improvements proposed in nearly 50 years, is covered by Measure "C".

Measure "G" will provide for 800 new electroliners, complete with underground circuits, to make the streets safer at night. This bond will also finance additional traffic signals and master controls to facilitate traffic flow. The savings in life and property damage, plus lower maintenance costs, "should more than offset the initial cost", the committee reported.

## Brown will renew fight for minimum wage on the farms

Governor Edmund G. Brown has pledged to renew his fight for a State minimum wage law when the California Legislature convenes in 1961.

The Governor made the statement after the Senate Labor Committee killed his bill, authored by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins (D), Los Angeles, to establish a 90-cent hourly minimum wage for farm workers and a \$1.25-hourly minimum wage for nonfarm workers.

It was the first legislative defeat suffered by Governor Brown at the current session of the State Legislature.

Governor Brown characterized defeat of the minimum wage bill as "only one battle in the long war against poverty."

"But I don't consider it a complete loss because I think the people have been educated to the fact that some workers in the State are not earning enough money in this day and age of prosperity," he added.

"I consider a person earning less than 90 cents an hour and working eight hours a day in the field as not being sufficiently compensated," the Governor said.

He said he had considered urging the Senate to withdraw the bill from the committee but had rejected the idea as "inadvisable" since the water program, budget and taxes are still to be heard by the Senate.

## President Crowell proposes question

Under the good and welfare section of the Central Labor Council agenda, President Crowell said that he would like to propound this question:

"Is there any possibility of those four white men in Florida who admit they raped a Negro coed being lynched the way that Negro in Mississippi who was merely accused of rape was lynched?"

## Enginemen and Firemen affiliated with the CLC

Local 821 of the Brotherhood of Enginemen and Firemen, one of the big railway unions, is affiliating with the Central Labor Council.



FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMAN is shown speaking to crowd at ceremonies dedicating his birthplace in Lamar, Mo., as national shrine. Auto Workers purchased the small cottage in which the Fair Deal President was born, and presented it to the Missouri Park Board as a permanent memorial place.

## Vote for bonds on May 19: BTC

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on libraries and museums was laid out, all of which would be done by building craftsmen.

"Joseph E. Smith, serving as co-chairman of the Advisory Committee, deserves great credit," said Jones, "for insisting all the way through that this was work which we needed as citizens, and that none of the money asked for was to be wasted on unnecessary projects."

Jones reminded the delegates that to get a two-thirds vote on even the worthiest project is very difficult, and that all should remember that the improvements bonds will not raise the tax rate since the money is to come out of sales tax receipts.

Bartalini said that nothing could do more harm to the bonds project than the mistaken impression that labor's sole interest in it was financial, that is, the amount of work involved, the number of jobs opened up.

"The people of Oakland need these improvements," said Bartalini, "and the building tradesmen and their children are among the people of Oakland who need them. It is on that

basis we are urging the adoption of the bonds."

### CEMENT MASONS

The Board of Business Agents at its meeting earlier in the day had recommended that the Cement Masons be granted strike sanction against Associated General Contractors, and the delegates voted the sanction unanimously.

Bruce Dillashaw, called on by BTC President Joseph Pruss to outline the problem faced by the union, said that in the fall of last year, as the deadline set by the NLRB for the overhauling of hiring hall provisions in contracts approached, the Cement Masons made every reasonable effort to work out agreement on these provisions, but that the employers refused all sensible adjustments.

"So toward the end of last October, as the NLRB's deadline came on," said Dillashaw, "the union and the employers were just as far apart as ever. Our contract expired May 1, and soon we expect to be out."

In reply to questions, Dillashaw said that certainly the striking union would place pickets when necessary.

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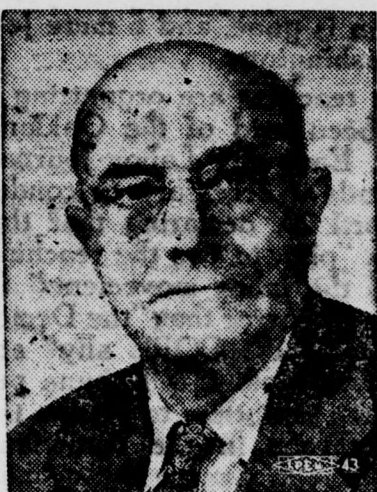
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## Spring Clean-up



## Improve city by voting for Lee, Eng and bonds!

Our readers who reside in Oakland, and who are registered, are planning, we hope, to go to the polls 11 days from now and cast their ballots in the final, general, runoff election.

The runoff feature of the election on May 19, from the viewpoint of COPE, labor's political body, is the candidacies of Edward O. (Pete) Lee and Dr. Raymond Eng for the City Council.

Lee and Dr. Eng can be elected May 19 if all those who realize how important it is to get new and vigorous talent into the Oakland City Council will turn out and vote for them. Certainly all registered Oakland labor people should do so.

The other big feature of the May 19 election from labor's viewpoint is the civic improvement bonds. These all should be passed. If ever there was a city that needs some civic improvements, it's Oakland, and May 19 is the day to get them.

Improve the City Council of Oakland by voting for Lee and Dr. Eng, and the civic improvement bonds!

## The Tribune condescends to castigate this labor paper

The Oakland Tribune for decades controlled the public school system of Oakland. It did this through the Knowland-dominated Republican machine and the anti-labor Oakland Teachers Association, the company union.

On the surface there was neither partisan Republicanism nor anti-unionism. Tower and company union dominance was just taken for granted.

The one-party Republican system which prevailed throughout the State under the cross-filing device prevailed on the Oakland Board of Education.

Also, in the schools themselves, it was taken for granted that the teachers did not belong to a union; they belonged instead to the Oakland Teachers Association, which in turn was part of the California Teachers Association, an ally of the State Republican machine.

If anyone ever mentioned a union, the teachers were told that they were too good to belong to a union, too high class; they were "professional," not working people.

There was something peaceful, almost idyllic, about this one-party system, this one-association system. It persisted although Oakland had long since ceased to be merely the sleeping room of San Francisco, and had itself become the center of a much greater population than that of the dwindling burg on the west side of the Bay.

One knew where one was; if you were Republican and well to do, you had your chance to be a fair sized frog in the Tribune puddle. If you were a teacher, you knew your place. You stood where hitched. The administrators of the school system, the lords of the Teachers Association, the crossbowmen in the Tower, the great GOP Senator in Washington, did your thinking for you and you didn't have to worry.

It is easy to understand how disturbed must be those who so long were the rulers of this delightful, sleepy, never-never-again land. For things have changed. The cross filing system is being abolished, one-party rule by the GOP is going, the colossal figure of the Senator has been deflated with a terrific noise, and he is now just a copy boy on the Tribune. Even the Congressman who first earned favor by sleeping for years in his post on the Board of Education is gone, and a mere Jeff Cohelan has taken his place in Washington.

On top of all this, the classroom teachers are organizing a real union, irreverent things have been said of the Oakland Teachers Association, and a paper, East Bay Labor Journal, has grown up which the Tribune finds it necessary to condescend to castigate, as it did on April 20, declaring that this disreputable labor paper nourishes a "plan to use the teaching profession as a propaganda arm of the labor movement." In the same editorial the Tribune expresses horror that "the Democratic County Committee and its CIO-AFL COPE ally" are showing an interest in school affairs. (Note the Tribune put CIO ahead of AFL in our name: that's doubtless to arouse the horror of Walter Reuther which throbs in the Knowland breast.)

Nor is it surprising that sincere people such as Mr. Eugene McCreary, whose letter criticizing us will be found in the OPINIONS column on this page, are still under the influence of that idyllic long prevalent Knowlandized "bedroom of San Francisco" phase of Oakland history. But things do change!

## BUYING & SELLING MEN TO WORK ON THE FARMS

Following is part of the statement made by Ernesto Galarza, secretary-treasurer of the AFL-CIO National Agricultural Workers Union, before the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor:

The "braceros" are assembled in Mexico in government contracting centers. They are transported by bus to reception centers on this side of the border. The only reception center in California is located in El Centro. At El Centro the workers are hired by various growers' associations. The largest of these, the San Joaquin County Farm Production Association, had 25,000 Mexican contractees at the peak of the 1956 harvest.

The associations actually operate labor pools serving some 13,000 different employers, called user-members. Legally, the employer is the association and not the user-members. As the consignments of "braceros" arrive at headquarters, they are distributed throughout the area served by the association.

Some associations, of which there were nearly 60 in California during 1957, supply Nationals in more than one county. One of them services a territory embracing no less than 11 counties. A "Bracero" may find himself assigned to a camp lost among the sand dunes of Imperial County. He may be sent to the balmy orange groves of Ventura. He may pan 90-cent-an hour wages in the Sierra Gold nurseries of the Sutter peach bowl. Or he may wind up on one of R. C. Zuckerman's privately policed islands in the Sacramento River delta country.

Judging from the keen competition among associations to sign up user-members, managing a captive labor force of farm workers must be a profitable business. An outsider can only guess how profitable. He wouldn't know, because the associations, although they are chartered by the state, do not submit financial reports for official scrutiny. Some associations charge 75 cents per man week, others so much per man hour, in addition to assessments and membership fees.

It is, moreover, a business with a solid floor of Federal and State subsidies. Some of these sub-

### The consumer

Consumption is the sole end and purpose of all production; and the interest of the producer ought to be attended only so far as it may be necessary for promoting that of the consumer.

The maxim is so perfectly self-evident that it would be absurd to attempt to prove it. — Adam Smith, founder of economics.

dies are direct, others are hidden. In the latter class are the services of the staff of the Farm Placement Service, which probably spends half its time on the "bracero" program. The State Housing Division inspects camps in which Nationals are housed. The Immigration Service and the U. S. Public Health Service detail personnel to examine workers, clear them for security and round up fugitives who skip their contracts.

The contracting system appears on the surface to be rigidly governed by an International Agreement and the gilt-edged contracts given the workers. But administration, compliance and enforcement are rather of the "do-it-yourself" type, in which the associations are constantly encouraged by Federal and State officials to police themselves.

This makes it possible for some associations to fix wages at will, and to post wage scales in the camps decorated with phoney reproductions of the Great Seal of the United States of America. The spirit in which the system works was reflected in a remark of a farm labor contractor: "Last year I bought me five Nationals."

### The new countries

Among the countries with the greatest and most complex problems are those which have achieved independence during the past 15 years. They contain expanding populations which last year totaled about 700 million. They have high hopes for economic freedom equal to their political freedom. Among them are countries which have the lowest per capita income, the lowest consumption standards, and the greatest amount of illiteracy and disease.

In fiscal year 1958 the United States provided 17 of these 20 new countries with 50.8 percent of all programmed economic and military mutual security funds allocated for use by the 64 countries which received assistance from the United States. To many of these countries the Mutual Security Program has provided a major means for their continued existence as independent states.

United States assistance has therefore reduced the risk of internal collapse, chaos, or loss to the community of free nations, and resisted the unending efforts of the Sino-Soviet bloc to isolate the United States. — Mutual Security Program Report.

## OPINIONS

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### TEACHERS' UNION; MIND-MOULDING

Editor, Labor Journal:

As a reader of your excellent newspaper, I have been extremely interested in the emphasis given in recent months to the organizing drive among teachers. As a former teacher, who still teaches night school, and as a long-time supporter of the union-labor movement, I have to call to your attention an emphasis which I consider unwise and incorrect in the present campaign.

An editorial in your issue of April 3, 1959, in urging support for the organization drive among teachers, commented: "They (teachers) are important also because they mold the minds of our young folks. If they are part of the organized labor movement they will have an incalculable influence on the thinking of our people."

Those of us who have long opposed the ignorance and complacency of teachers in regard to trade unions have deplored their anti-labor bias as it often appeared in classroom discussion. Likewise, I would deplore any pro-labor bias—in the classroom. I think we should organize teachers into independent unions for the dignity it will give them, the strength it will give them in improving their pay and working conditions, for the respect it will win for them in modern America. But I do not support or condone in any way the suggestion that teachers should join unions so that they will present pro-labor propaganda in the classroom.

I can't help feeling that you also really mean something along the lines of my last paragraph. If you do, you will do a great service to the union organization of teachers if you say so. But if you really want to see teachers use their role of confidence and respect for indoctrination, you are the worst enemy of unionization for sincere, liberal, and progressive teachers.

EUGENE McCREARY,  
Supervisor of  
Secondary Education  
University of California

(Note: Mr. McCreary's letter is referred to in the second editorial on this page.)

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### THE REASON

America's privately owned electric power companies have been whipping up public sympathy against the Tennessee Valley Authority. And for good reason. It serves as a yardstick for electric power costs which prevents them from gouging the consumers. — Southern California Teamster.

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### COMPROMISE

All government—indeed, every mutual benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act—is founded on compromise and barter. — Edmund Burke.

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### FIXATION

I believe that the most critical barrier to our progress today is our fixation on inflation as the major fear. — Congressman Chester Bowles.

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### FACT OF LIFE

The weaker sex is the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex. — The Machinist.

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### A BODY

There is one body that knows more than anybody, and that is everybody. — Talleyrand.